

### **EVIDENCE** SYNTHESIS

IRELAND

# Introduction to Risk of Bias 2.0 (Online – $2 \times \frac{1}{2}$ days)

#### Aim:

To introduce the Risk of Bias 2.0 (RoB 2) tool, describe the riskof-bias domains it considers, provide an overview of how the tool should be applied, and support the application of the tool.

#### Learning Outcomes:

In this course, participants will be enabled to:

- Describe the key concepts of the RoB 2 tool
- Apply the revised RoB 2 in their reviews

#### **Target Audience:**

Healthcare professionals, academics, researchers, decisionmakers and Evidence Synthesis Ireland Fellows new to risk-ofbias assessment or who have performed risk-of-bias assessments before but are new to the RoB 2 tool.

#### **Teaching strategies:**

The workshop will consist of a mixture of presentations and practical sessions, along with a protected period for Q&A at the end. The practical sessions will be built around a practical "hands-on" risk-of-bias assessment.

#### Date:

24th & 25th November 2022 Time:

10:00am – 1:00pm

Skill level: Beginner

Facilitator:

Luke McGuinness National College of Ireland

#### Places:

30 places available for individuals who are resident in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Fee: €100 (General) €50 (Student)

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#### **Course content/timetable**

### PROGRAMME - Day 1 - 24th November 2022

Time	Session Title	Session Description
1000 - 1100	Session I	<ul> <li>This session will:</li> <li>Define "bias" in the context of RoB 2</li> <li>Introduce the new RoB 2 tool and highlight differences from the established tool</li> <li>Provide a summary how the tool is applied (preliminary considerations, signalling questions and judgement algorithms)</li> <li>Introduce Domain 1 (Bias arising from the randomisation process), and walkthrough the domains Signalling Questions and algorithm</li> </ul>
1100 - 1130	Practical I	<ul> <li>This practical will:</li> <li>Familiarise attendees with the preliminary steps of the RoB 2 tool</li> <li>Give participants an opportunity to apply Domain 1 to an example study</li> </ul>
1130 - 1145	Coffee Break	
1145 - 1215	Session II	<ul> <li>This session will:</li> <li>Discuss effects of interest</li> <li>Introduce Domain 2 (Bias due to deviations from the intended interventions), and walkthrough the domains Signalling Questions and algorithm</li> </ul>
1215 - 1245	Practical II	<ul><li>This practical will:</li><li>Provide participants with an opportunity to apply Domain 2 to an example study</li></ul>
1245 - 1300	Q&A	Protected time for attendee questions

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#### PROGRAMME - Day 2 - 25th November 2022 **Session Title Session Description** Time This session will: • Introduce Domain 3 (Bias due to missing outcome data), and walkthrough the 1000 - 1100 Session III domains Signalling Questions and algorithm Introduce Domain 4 (Bias in measurement of the outcome), and walk through the • domains Signalling Questions and algorithm This practical will: 1100 - 1130 Practical III Provide participants with an opportunity to apply Domains 3 & 4 to an example study 1130 - 1145 Coffee Break This session will: • Introduce Domain 5 (Bias due in selection of the reported result), and walkthrough the domains Signalling Questions and algorithm 1145 - 1215 Session IV • Describe considerations when reaching an overall judgement • Discuss how results of ROB2 assessments should be used/presented in the review • Introduce tools to support users in applying and visualising the results of RoB 2 This practical will: • Provide participants with an opportunity to apply Domain 5 to an example study 1215 - 1245Practical IV Encourage users to consider how the results of the example assessment could be used in a systematic review Allow attendees to practice with some of the tools described in Session IV 1245 - 1300 O&A Protected time for attendee questions

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